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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: JORDAN AIR DEFENSE

REF: STATE 100267

1. I URGE THAT THE TEXT OF THE LETTER TO CHIEF OF THE ROYAL COURT ABDUL HAMID SHARAF NOT RPT NOT BE SENT IN THE FORM PROPOSED REFTEL. THE PRIMARY OBJECTIONS TO IT ARE (A) THAT IT APPEARS TO IGNORE INTELLIGENCE REPORTS BOTH FROM AMMAN AND JIDDA THAT THE SAUDIS ARE NOT WILLING TO MAKE UP THE STRAYED \$140 MILLION AND THAT THEY HAVE TOLD THE JORDANIANS THIS AND (B) THAT IT PROPOSES A USE OF SAUDI FUNDS IN THEIR FMS ACCOUNT NOT FORESEEN BY THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT WHICH THE RECORD WILL SHOW WAS RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO BE THE SAUDIS AS A FACE-SAVING WAY OF ACCEPTING A PAYMENT SCHEDULE THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY REJECTED.

2. ADDITIONALLY THE LETTER IS SO WORDED AS TO EMPHASIZE OUR ENTITLEMENT TO DRAW FROM THE SAUDI FMS ACCOUNT (PERHAPS TECHNICALLY CORRECT) TO COVER THE ONGOING EXPENSES OF JOR-
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DAN'S AIR DEFENSE PROGRAM. THE EFFECT OF THIS WILL BE TO DIVERT JORDANIAN EFFORTS FROM THE ATTEMPT TO GET THE SAUDIS TO REPLACE THE MISSING \$140 MILLION TO PRESSURE ON US TO CONTINUE DRAWING ON THE SAUDI FMS FUND TO KEEP THE PROGRAM GOING. IN SHORT IT WOULD REDUCE RATHER THAN INCREASE THE INCENTIVE FOR THE JORDANIANS TO THRASH THIS ISSUE OUT WITH THE SAUDIS.

3. ACCORDINGLY WE PROPOSE THAT THE LETTER BE REVISED TO PLACE EMPHASIS ON THE NEED FOR THE GOJ TO MOVE VERY RAPIDLY TO GET SAUDI AGREEMENT ON THIS POINT IN ORDER TO AVOID INTERRUPTION TO THE AIR DEFENSE PROGRAM. ONCE THIS HAS BEEN DONE WE CAN CONSIDER GETTING THE SAUDIS TO AGREE TO MAKE UP THE MISSING \$140 MILLION FROM THEIR FMS ACCOUNT. (WHEN ALL THE VERBIAGE IS SIFTED THROUGH IT WILL BE CLEAR TO THE SAUDIS THAT ALL WE ARE ASKING THEM TO DO IS TO PAY MORE MONEY OVER A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME.

4. WE DO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR US TO BRIEF THE SAUDIS ON THIS PROGRAM AFTER THE JORDANIANS HAVE GOTTEN CLEAR, WRITTEN SAUDI AGREEMENT TO REPLACE THE MISSING \$140 MILLION.

5. WE ARE SENDING BY SEPTTEL PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE FOR LETTER TO SHARAF.

6. COMMENT: I EARNESTLY HOPE THAT IT WILL NOT BE FOUND NECESSARY TO BRING THIS CONTENTIOUS SUBJECT TO THE ATTENTION OF PRINCE FAHD IN THE FEW WEEKS PRECEEDING HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES.

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